

**GENERAL RAINS  
PREVAIL IN TEXAS**

Conditions Favorable for Fair  
Weather Over This Sec-  
tion Sunday.

**HOURLY READINGS.**

MAY 18.	
5 a.m.	65
6 a.m.	64
7 a.m.	63
8 a.m.	62
9 a.m.	61
10 a.m.	60
11 a.m.	59
12 m.	58
1 p.m.	57
2 p.m.	56

Weather at 2 p.m., part cloudy;  
humidity, 1 p.m., 44.

**Local Forecast.**

Fair weather and moderately warm  
tonight and Sunday.

**River Forecast.**

The river will fall tonight, Sunday and  
probably Monday.

**Local Data.**

Temperature for twenty-four hours:  
Highest yesterday, 80; lowest last night,  
61; mean, 70.

Corresponding date last year: Highest,  
85; lowest, 53; mean, 69.

Normal for this date, 69 degrees.

Accumulated excess in mean temperature  
since Jan. 1, 4 degrees.

Relative humidity (per cent.): 7 p.m.,  
48; 7 a.m., 42.

Precipitation for twenty-four hours  
ending 7 a.m. today, 0.

Total precipitation since Jan. 1, 23.37  
inches.

Accumulated excess is 0.69 inch.

Highest wind velocity for twenty-four  
hours ending 7 a.m. today, twelve miles,  
south.

River stage at 7 a.m. (feet), 12.0.

Fall in twenty-four hours (feet), 1.4.

**Weather Conditions.**

The high-pressure area still persists  
over the middle Atlantic states, and there  
has been little change in the general  
weather conditions over the eastern portion  
of the country. A barometric de-  
pression over the Rocky mountain re-  
gion, with the lowest recent tempera-  
tures, was forecast today for the south-  
western states and into the lake re-  
gion. Heavy amounts fell at Abilene  
and Green Bay.

Conditions are favorable for generally  
fair weather over this section tonight and  
Sunday, with not much change in tem-  
perature.

**Weather for Four States.**

(Associated Press.)  
Washington, May 18.—Forecast:  
Tennessee—Generally fair tonight and  
Sunday.  
Kentucky—Local showers tonight; Sun-  
day fair.  
Alabama—Fair tonight and probably  
Sunday.

**GENERALLY FAIR WEATHER  
FORECAST FOR NEXT WEEK**

Washington, May 18.—Generally fair  
weather, with nearly normal tempera-  
tures, was forecast today for the south-  
western states for the week beginning  
Monday.

**GOT GOOD RESULTS.**

This honest, straight forward letter  
from a woman who has suffered would  
be heeded by all afflicted with back-  
ache, rheumatic pains, sore muscles,  
awful tired feeling and other symp-  
toms of kidney and bladder trouble.  
"I have got good results from  
Foley Kidney Pills that I can sleep  
much better and the pain in my back  
and sides is a good lot better. I am  
going to keep on taking them." Mrs.  
Chas. Gray, 279 6th St., Detroit, Mich.  
J. Anderson, druggist, Chattanooga,  
Tenn.—(Adv.)

**LUCIA IMPRACTICABLE**

Daniels Says of Ship Heralded  
as Unsinkable.

(International News Service.)  
Washington, May 18.—The Lucia,  
widely heralded as "the unsinkable  
ship," was declared impracticable in a  
report submitted this afternoon to  
the navy department by the inspection  
board appointed by Secretary Daniels.  
While the vessel was not subjected  
to the effects of an actual torpedo, it  
was reported that following an explo-  
sion such as would result from a tor-  
pedo, she "would be little better than  
a water-logged wreck." Even if she  
remained afloat salvage would be diffi-  
cult, it was found. The board which  
made the inspection and submitted the  
report was headed by Rear Admiral  
Winterhalter.

**FIVE CONSECUTIVE DAYS  
TOLD WEEK'S STOCK STORY**

Trading Ranged from 1,100,000 to 1-  
750,000 Shares—Wholesale Check  
Toward End.

(Associated Press.)  
New York, May 18.—Five consecu-  
tive days of trading which ranged  
from 1,100,000 to 1,750,000 shares,  
mostly at mounting levels, tells the  
story of another busy week on the  
stock exchange.

There were times when the market  
seemed to get out of hand, but heavy  
liquidations for profits, together with  
admonitory warnings from the finan-  
cial powers, caused a wholesome check  
towards the end.

Many causes contributed to the  
week's activity and buoyancy, notably  
the absence of disturbing advices  
from abroad, cumulative evidence of a  
closer understanding between the govern-  
ment and leading business inter-  
ests, the excellent crop outlook and  
easier money, albeit relaxation applied  
only to call loans.

Rails participated only to a non-  
inal extent in the upturn. Metals held  
back, pending the fixing of the new  
price schedule by the war board.

At their best prices many steel  
and allied shares were at maximums  
for the year, while in several note-  
worthy instances the high records were  
unmatched for two years. Speculators  
of the war group registered almost  
equal gains, with extensive dealings in  
oils, motors, tobaccos and leathers.

Shipments in a class by them-  
selves, all the marines making sub-  
stantial advances in connection with  
the proposed sale of ships of British  
registry.

**LABOR QUESTION NOT  
THE LEAST PERPLEXING**

New York, May 18.—Dun's today  
says:  
"With the ever-increasing pressure  
of governmental requirements tight-  
ening the restrictions on ordinary trans-  
actions, the whole economic structure  
is still undergoing a process of read-  
justment, and further important  
changes are inevitable. While the

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rooms; gas range. 716 Cedar street.  
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transition from a peace to a war ba-  
sis, continuing through the past year,  
has brought no general or conspicuous  
commercial disturbance, the move-  
ment has not unnaturally caused in-  
convenience and some unsettlement in  
business and many obstacles are yet to  
be surmounted. The labor question  
both in its relation to trade and man-  
ufacturing and its bearing on agricul-  
ture is not the least perplexing of the  
various problems being encountered,  
and the shifting of men to the most  
essential occupations is becoming a  
more imperative expedient as addi-  
tional numbers are called into military  
service.

Weekly bank clearings, \$5,930,377-  
678.

**FORMER RUSSIAN EMPEROR  
TO BE COURT-MARTIALED**

Nicholas Romanoff to Be Taken to  
Moscow on Latter Part  
of June.

(Associated Press.)  
Amsterdam, May 18.—Nicholas Ro-  
manoff, former emperor of Russia, ac-  
cording to the Lokai Anzeiger, of Ber-  
lin, will be tried by a court-martial in  
Moscow the latter part of June. The  
trial will be secret.

Some days ago the former Russian  
emperor, his wife and one daughter  
were removed from Tobolsk to Ekaterin-  
burg, in the Ural mountains. The  
soviet government said the removal  
was made necessary by the discovery  
of a peasant plot in behalf of the for-  
mer emperor. His son, Alexis, it was  
added, remained in Tobolsk on account  
of ill health.

CENSUS REPORT GIVES  
COTTONSEED SHIPMENTS

(International News Service.)  
Washington, May 18.—Census report  
for the period from Aug. 1 to April 30  
shows 4,121,673 tons of cottonseed, less  
shipped, received at mills, and 3,953-  
885 crushed; also 201,715 held at mills.  
April 30. Production, crude oil, 1,211-  
625,542 pounds; refined, 1,007,887,195  
pounds; cake and meal, 1,912,605 tons;  
hulls, 911,870 tons; linters, 1,036,801  
bales; luff fiber, 212,896 bales. Stocks  
April 30, crude oil, 121,406,221 pounds;  
refined, 339,256,970 pounds.

**CALLS ON NEW MEXICO  
FOR 400 DRAFT MEN**

(Associated Press.)  
Washington, May 18.—Provost Mar-  
shal-General Crowder today announced  
that he had called on the state of  
New Mexico for 400 draft registrants  
who are grammar school graduates and  
possess some mechanical inclinations.  
They are to be sent on June 10 to  
Camp Mabry, at the University of  
Texas.

**GOING BACK HOME  
FOR DECORATION DAY**

Dr. J. R. Stewart, of Nashville,  
general secretary of the fund for su-  
perannuated preachers, and his brother  
Rev. W. J. Stewart, of Ardmore,  
Okla., presiding elder of the Ardmore  
district, stopped over in Chattanooga  
today en route from Atlanta, where  
they attended the general conference  
of the M. E. church, south. They are  
natives of Sequatchie valley and will  
go this afternoon to Danbury to attend  
the annual decoration day at Chapel  
Hill cemetery, near that little valley  
and where many of their ances-  
tors are buried.

**NEWS of WORLD MARKETS****MERCANTILE MARINE  
STOCKS LEAD OTHERS**

New York, May 18.—Shipments were  
the center of interest and activity in the  
stock market, marines and allied issues  
adding 2 to 4 1/2 points to recent gains.  
A few specialties, including Royal Dutch  
Oil, Studebaker, Sloss-Sheffield, Indus-  
trial Alcohol and Linsseed, also developed  
marked strength. Steels and equipments  
were 1 to 2 points in the early period  
under pressure attributed to differences  
of opinion between the government and  
producers regarding war requirements,  
but rallied sharply later. Investment  
rails were dull and hesitant, but some of  
the minor transportation, notably New  
Haven, strengthened substantially. The  
closing was irregular. Sales approximated  
500,000 shares.

Liberty 3 1/2 sold at 98 1/2 to 99; first  
lot at 95 to 95 1/2; second lot at 94 1/2 to  
94 3/4, and 4 1/4 at 97 1/4 to 97 3/8.

**NEW YORK STOCK LIST.**

American Beet Sugar	74
American Can	48 1/4
American Car and Fdy.	79 1/4
American Locomotive	75 1/4
American Linsseed	35
American Smelting and Ref.	31 1/4
American Sugar	31 1/4
American T. and O.	38 1/4
Anacosta Copper	68 1/4
Armstrong	68 1/4
Baldwin	97 1/4
Al. Gulf	11 1/4
Baldwin Locomotive	97 1/4
Baltimore and Ohio	55 1/4
Beckwith	54 1/4
Beckwith Steel	48 1/4
Central Leather	69 1/4
Chenapeake and Ohio	58 1/4
Ch. Mil. and St. P.	44 1/4
Ch. R. I. and P.	22 1/4
Ch. Copper	45 1/4
Colorado Fuel and Iron	42 1/4
Corn Products	20 1/4
Cruikshank	20 1/4
Cuba Cane Sugar	21 1/4
Gen. Electric	153 1/4
General Motors	125 1/4
Great Northern Pfd.	91 1/4
Great Northern Ore	22 1/4
Illinois Central	96 1/4
Inspiration Copper	54 1/4
Inter. Merc.	28 1/4
Inter. Merc. Marine Pfd.	100 1/4
International Paper	42 1/4
Kennecott Copper	33 1/4
Louisville and Nashville	115 1/4
Maxwell Motors	28 1/4
Mexican Petroleum	99 1/4
Missouri Copper	29 1/4
Middle West	52 1/4
Missouri Pacific	23 1/4
New York Central	73 1/4
North and West	106 1/4
Northern Pacific	87 1/4
Ohio Cities Gas	39 1/4
Pennsylvania	44 1/4
Pittsburgh Coal	41 1/4
Ray Consolidated Copper	25 1/4
Reading	88 1/4
Republic Steel	30 1/4
Sinclair Oil and Refining	28 1/4
Southern Pacific	85 1/4
Southern Railway	24 1/4
Studebaker Corporation	41 1/4
Tennessee Copper	37 1/4
Texas Co.	135 1/4
Tobacco Products	89 1/4
Union Pacific	124 1/4
United Glass Stores	91 1/4
U. S. Industrial Alcohol	121 1/4
U. S. Rubber	24 1/4
U. S. Steel	118 1/4
Utah Copper	84 1/4
Wabash Pfd.	42 1/4
Westinghouse Electric	43 1/4
Willamette	19 1/4
American Tobacco	92 1/4
Atlantic Coast Line	125 1/4
Gulf States Steel	88 1/4
Seaboard Air Line	63 1/4
Shaw-Walker	128 1/4
United Fruit	128 1/4
Virginia-Carolina Chemical	46 1/4
N. Y. N. H. and H.	40 1/4

**150 KILLED IN  
BIG EXPLOSION**

In Chemical Plant Near Pitts-  
burg—Damage Estimated  
at Million Dollars.

(Associated Press.)  
Pittsburg, Pa., May 18.—A series of  
explosions in the Oakdale plant of the  
Aetna Chemical company at Oakdale,  
west of here, on the Panhandle rail-  
road, soon after noon today, probably  
cost the lives of 100 persons and did  
property damage which is estimated  
at \$1,000,000. The explosion fired the  
debris, which is still burning, and offi-  
cers of the company say that days may  
pass before the exact loss of life will  
be known.

Pittsburg, May 18.—An explosion in  
the soda house of the T. T. T. plant of  
the Aetna Chemical company at Oak-  
dale, west of Pittsburgh, soon after  
noon today tore a number of the build-  
ings to pieces and caused what first  
reports indicated was great loss of  
life. Undertakers summoned to the  
plant declared that more than 150 per-  
sons had been killed and telephone re-  
ports from the village said that it  
would be hours before it would be pos-  
sible to even estimate the number of  
casualties.

The explosion tore down wires along  
the Panhandle railroad and piled  
debris high on the tracks. An employe  
of the company made his way to the  
scene, narrowly, and a wreck train was  
immediately sent out to clear the line  
and repair the wires.

The chemical company also made up  
a relief train at Carnegie and hurried  
it to Oakdale. It carried doctors,  
nurses and surgical supplies. The  
physician in charge, it was stated, had  
instructions to report the loss of life  
at the earliest possible moment.

Debris Took Fire.  
Immediately after the first explosion  
the debris took fire, and at 1 o'clock  
hour it was said there was another ex-  
plosion, but it did nothing more than  
scatter the shattered remnants of the  
factory building.

Not far from the destroyed plant is  
an important pumping station of the  
South Pennsylvania Oil company, but  
the company's offices in Pittsburgh had  
no report of damage to its property  
other than that the windows had been  
broken.

Another explosion occurred at 1:50  
o'clock, this time a big tank filled with  
an explosive known as T. N. T. letting  
go. The debris was scattered far and  
wide, as it was reported that a num-  
ber of persons stood on the hillside and  
watched the burning pile had been  
burned, but that no one had been killed.  
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the Red Cross parade this afternoon  
when the explosion occurred. They  
at once abandoned the parade and un-  
der their leaders turned toward Oak-  
dale. They could be seen on all the  
roads leading to the village, and im-  
mediately after they reached the place  
they reported to the doctors and the  
authorities for relief work. Among  
them were many who had taken the  
Red Cross surgical course and were  
quickly pressed into service.

**GEN. CHARLES T. CATES  
WINS FIRST BLOOD**

His Man Named as Member of  
County Primary Committee  
in Knox County.

(Special to The News.)  
Knoxville, May 18.—Gen. Charles T.  
Cates, Jr., won first blood in the sena-  
torial battle in the county democratic  
excise committee today by a vote  
of 80 to 56. The test vote was made  
on an amendment to Gen. W. T. Ken-  
nerly's motion, who was leading the  
Shields forces, and offered a resolution  
that D. Smith, chairman, appoint a  
committee of five to select the Knox  
county primary board.

Mayor McMillan, leading the Cates  
forces, and J. M. G. Baker, offered an  
amendment that four of the board be  
named by the representatives of candi-  
dates and elected on the floor of the  
convention and the fifth man then be  
selected. The roll call and the test vote  
was shown as above. The committee  
then named John E. McMillan to re-  
present Gen. Cates, James T. Joy to  
represent Senator Shields, S. T. Led-  
gerwood to represent Austin Peay and  
S. E. Hodges to represent A. H. Rob-  
erts. All were elected by acclamation.